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SUBJ: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF U.S. VESSELS IN LENINGRAD

- 1. THE CAPTAINS OF THE MERCHANT MARINE VESSELS GULF KING, GULF KNIGHT, ZAPATA RANGER AND ZAPATA PATRIOT, WHICH ARE DOCKED IN LENINGRAD, CONTACTED CONGEN AND STATED THAT THEIR CREWS HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO GO ASHORE. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PORT CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE CERTIFIED CREWLIST OF THESE VESSELS FROM THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN THE U.S.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE CAPTAINS, THIS REGULATION HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED IN THE PAST, I.E., THE CREW WAS ALWAYS ALLOWED TO GO ASHORE EVEN THOUGH THE CERTIFIED CREWLIST HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE PRIOR TO THE VESSEL'S ARRIVAL IN LENINGRAD. THE CAPTAINS STATED THAT THE CERTIFIED CREWLISTS USUSALLY ARRIVED VIA AIRMAL EVEN AFTER THE VESSELS HAD DEPARTED.
- 3. THE INFLOT AGENCH SAID THAT THIS HAS NOT BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CASE. ACCORDING TO AN AN INFLOT REP., THE CERTIED CREWLISTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE PRIOR TO THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL.

4. THE INFLOT AGENCY HAS CONTACTED THE COMPANIES INVOLVED TO EXPEDITE THE FORWARDING OF THESE CERTIFIED CREWLISTS.

THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE TOLD CONSOFF THAT A TELEGRAPHIC CERTIFICATION FROM THE SOVIET CONSULATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.NEUBERT

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